

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 163

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Fay Griffin upon being named as Super Senior by the *Morgan County News*.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee relies upon the knowledge, strength, and energy of our senior citizens; these men and women are grandparents who enrich our families with their love and guidance, neighbors who support our churches, schools, and local charities, and they are veterans who remind us that peace and freedom are kept by the vigilant and the brave; and

WHEREAS, all senior citizens, whether actively involved in business and community affairs or quietly devoted to their families and neighbors, deserve our gratitude and respect; they have shared with us the acquired wisdom of the ages, and they have shown us the meaning of faith; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our State's senior citizens and the many contributions they have made to our society, *Morgan County News* bestows the Super Senior Award in Morgan County, rightfully paying tribute to an outstanding group of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Fay Griffin is certainly one such outstanding citizen who was recently named a Super Senior. Mrs. Griffin, at eighty years of age, volunteers at the Appalachia Habitat Resale Store; the store takes in donations from generous people in the local community and offers the items for sale, with the proceeds going to support the Appalachia Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, desiring to help others, Mrs. Griffin gathers donated clothing from the store and personally prepares the items for shipment to Jamaica, India, and Haiti; and

WHEREAS, a devout woman of God, Fay Griffin is active in her church, the Church of God of Prophecy, and has been involved in the ministry's effort to provide gift bags to the local nursing home as well as involvement in numerous other mission projects; and

WHEREAS, showing much fortitude under difficult circumstances, Mrs. Griffin is no stranger to courage and conviction as she forged ahead in the most trying times of her life; while traveling with her son and family to Orlando, Florida, Fay Griffin was tragically shot as an innocent bystander during a dispute; and

WHEREAS, refusing to disappoint her grandchildren, Mrs. Griffin continued on to Orlando, and once she returned home, she spent several weeks receiving treatment for the wound; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sunbright, Fay Griffin was joined in holy matrimony with James Griffin in 1949; the loving couple enjoyed numerous years of marital bliss together before Mr. Griffin went onto receive his great reward; and

WHEREAS, their blessed union produced four children, two boys and two girls; Mrs. Griffin is also the devoted grandmother of ten grandchildren, and the proud and loving great-grandmother of three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens are a treasured link to our past; indeed, the positive measure of their courage, hard work, and unwavering devotion to family and community is incalculable; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize Tennessee's senior citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the good people of Morgan County and the *Morgan County News* in paying tribute to Fay Griffin upon being recognized as a Super Senior, and call upon the good people of this State to reflect upon the knowledge, strength, and energy of our senior citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.